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RE: C295840-03 City of Kansas City, Missouri
Blue River Wastewater Treatment Plant Grit System Improvements Project,
Categorical Exclusion

Dear Blake Anderson:

Enclosed is the Categorical Exclusion Determination prepared by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources regarding the proposed Blue River Wastewater Treatment Plant Grit System Improvements project for the City of Kansas City, Missouri in Jackson County.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Angie Garcia, P.E., at 573-751-1299, or Department of Natural Resources, Financial Assistance Center, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Lauren Graessle, P.E.
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Enclosure

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City of Kansas City, Missouri
Jackson County
Blue River Wastewater Treatment Plant Grit System Improvements Project
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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT IN THE CITY OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources has conducted an environmental review of the proposed project for the Blue River Wastewater Treatment Plant Grit System Improvements project to serve the City of Kansas City, Missouri. The proposed project was analyzed in the Blue River Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility Plan and Improvements Design FY 2024 dated December 24, 2024 (hereafter referred to as facility plan). The city is in western Missouri with a 2020 census population of 491,158.

The review was performed in accordance with the department procedures for implementing Clean Water Commission regulation 10 CSR 20-4.050 Environmental Review and it has been determined that this project is eligible for a Categorical Exclusion Determination. Accordingly, the department is exempting the proposed project from further substantive environmental review requirements provided the project remains unaltered as described in the facility plan.

The following paragraphs provide a brief description of the proposed project and a statement of how the action meets the categorical exclusion criteria.

This project will provide new grit removal facilities to upgrade aging infrastructure, address capacity needs, meet current regulatory requirements, and improve safety, performance, reliability, and hydraulic conditions throughout the facility. Multiple alternatives were evaluated for grit removal and handling technologies, as well as considering siting alternatives for development of these new facilities. It was determined that the new facilities will consist of new concrete tankage for Headcell™ grit removal units, integral grit removal pump station; masonry building for grit handling equipment and truck load-out bays for disposal of cleaned and de-watered grit; concrete, at-grade utility corridors or subgrade piping to convey flow between structures; concrete pad for odor control system; and new access roads surrounding the new facilities.



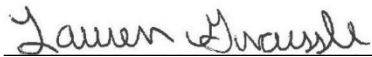
The project meets the provisions of 10 CSR 20-4.050(2)(A)1.A., which states the project is directed solely toward minor rehabilitation of existing facilities, functional replacement of equipment, or toward the construction of related facilities adjoining the existing facilities that do not affect the degree of treatment or the capacity of the treatment facility.

In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106, notice was given to the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) and all tribes that may attach a religious or cultural significance to historic properties in the region that may be affected by this undertaking.

The documentation to support this decision will be available for public scrutiny upon request at the Department of Natural Resources, 1101 Riverside Drive, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to Angie Garcia, P.E., Review Engineer, or Kara Simon, Project Manager. You may also submit comments in writing to the Department of Natural Resources, Financial Assistance Center, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176. E-mail comments will be accepted at the following address:

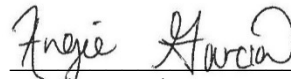
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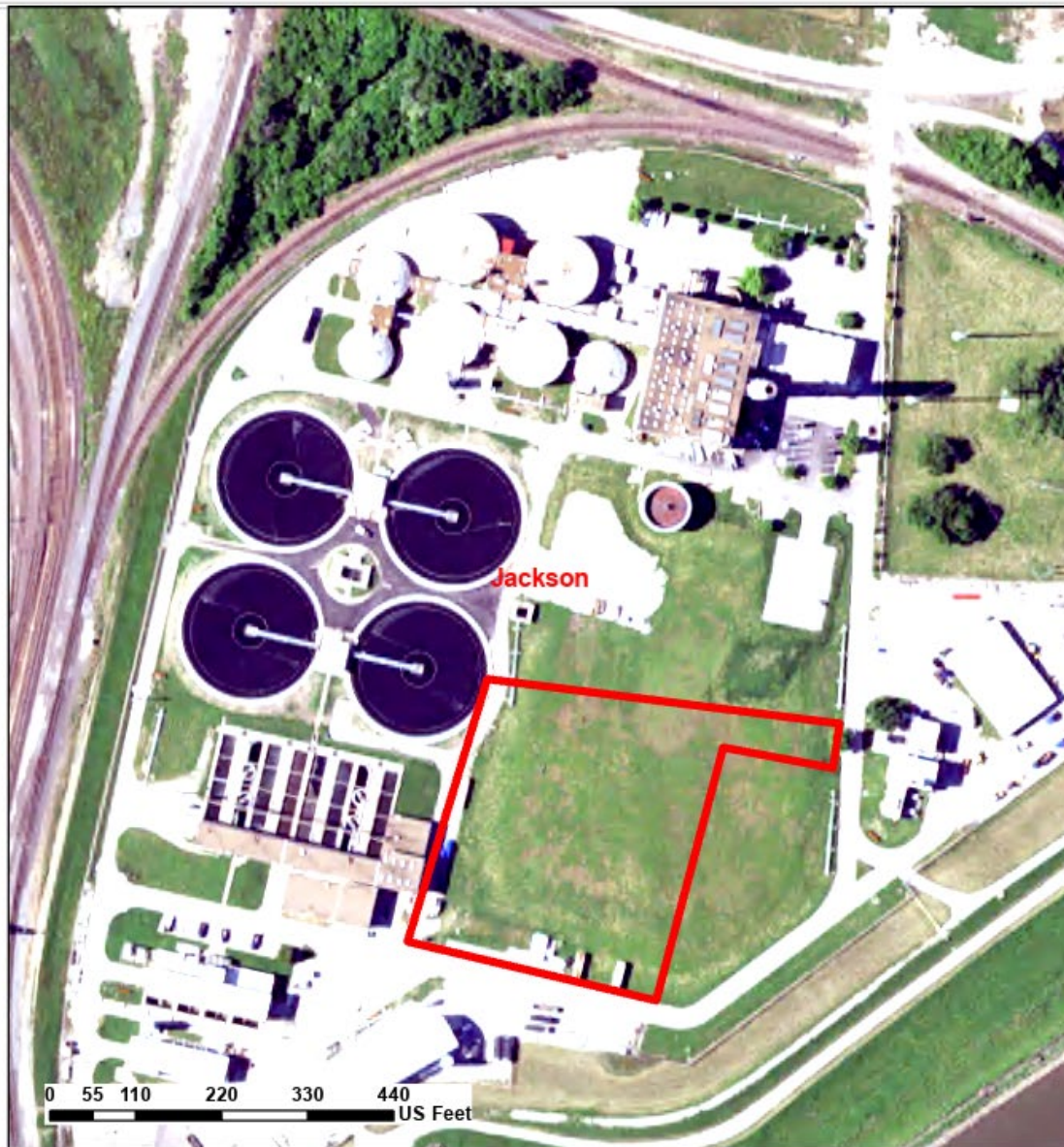
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Blue River Grit System Improvements



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